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WHAT IS IT?

FILIPINOS NOT YET READY TO GOVERN SELVES

That the new policies put in force in the Philippines by Gov. Gen. Francis Burton Harrison are meeting with almost universal condemnation among the American residents of the islands, and that, in his opinion, it would be nothing short of a crime to allow the Filipinos to govern themselves, was the gist of a statement made this morning by F. E. Muzzy, a retired capitalist of Springfield, Mass., who arrived in Honolulu yesterday in the Siberia, on a short visit. Mr. Muzzy has spent the past several months in the Orient, during which time he visited the Philippines and made an exhaustive investigation of conditions there.

"Not more than one-tenth of the Filipinos know what self-government means," he said. "Business is at a standstill in the Philippines at the present time owing to the talk of independence which has floated over from the United States. The islands are not dependent upon the United States but are self-supporting. They are an enormous source of revenue to America's mercantile interests on account of the great business which has developed among the merchants during the past 15 years. I consider it nothing short of a crime to turn the government over to the Filipinos. As to the decrease in business activity, this depression is attributed to the reports received from the United States encouraging the belief that independence for the islands is near at hand. Business men everywhere are complaining of conditions in the Philippines and even the insular government is feeling the brunt of depression."

"A large majority of the Filipinos who are able to pass on the question of independence and 90 per cent of the business men do not want it. It is always said that the United States does not want colonies, but it has on its hands now 8,000,000 people whom it is bound to protect as they are a dependent people and not one-tenth of them know what self-government means. To turn them loose in the immediate future would mean a repetition of the present Mexican situation. Manila residents say this would please Japan for Japan would gladly seize the islands and, because of their wonderful undeveloped resources could float large quantities of bonds with which to replenish her depleted treasury."

"Millions of dollars are waiting for investment in the Philippines if the country could be assured of a stable government for some time to come, but the investors realize that if independence is granted their capital will have no security. One large importer said to me that there were only two nationalities who had any reason to invest a dollar in the Philippines, the Englishman, because England protected her subjects, and the Spaniards because Spain had known the Philippines for 300 years."

"Giving the Filipinos their independence now is just as reasonable as it would have been to give the Indians all the territory West of the Mississippi and turn them adrift, say 200 years after our forefathers landed on Plymouth Rock. Or it would have been equally reasonable to give the negroes all the ruling power south of the Mason and Dixon line immediately after the Civil War. The Filipinos need today, not advice, but management and control such as has been given to them for the past 15 years. On the whole they are satisfied with this and would continue to be so if not stirred up by political agitators whose only object is to gain political honors. In the United States few Filipinos are seen and most of these are of the educated class and are capable of self-government, but what of the other 7,990,000?"

"I did not hear anyone speak of Governor Harrison personally but with respect, but his policies were universally condemned. In fact of the hundreds I talked with only two or three favored his policies, and all of these were political appointees subject to his dismissal. I am not talking from any personal interest as I am not interested in the Philippines either financially or politically, nor have I any relatives or intimate friends so interested. Neither do I pose as an authority on Philippine conditions but my stay there fully convinced me that the Philippine policy of the present administration is very bad for the Philippines."

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APPLICANTS FOR UTILITIES JOB ARE INCREASING

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chairmanship of the utilities commission and one prediction was made this morning that he will be named by the governor.

Mr. Reidford's long experience in business life, both before and during the years when he was manager of the Bishop Trust Company, have won to his candidacy the support of a number of business men who feel that a business man primarily should be chairman of the commission. He had a conference with Governor Pinkham Saturday morning. Mr. Reidford's friends are relying upon his record, qualifications and interest in community affairs to score heavily in his favor. He is not identified with any political faction, it was pointed out this morning, and his application, it has been made plain, is based on no political grounds whatever, but on business efficiency grounds.

As opposed to this view, several people who have expressed themselves feel that the work of the commission is so largely legal in its nature and the funds so limited, that the chairmanship should be vested in law so that the employment of an attorney for the commission would not be necessary.

J. N. S. Williams is not a candidate for the chairmanship and will not be, it was stated today.

One report of unusual interest today was that of H. Gooding Field, the statistical expert of the Hawaii graft probe commission, was in the field and the report was later confirmed by a wireless from Hilo. His experience in schedule-making, rates, valuations, etc., are spoken of as strong assets in his favor if he should seek the position.

There was a rumor today that the Democratic territorial central committee may oppose the appointment of Judge Wilder. Chairman Pacheco opposed Judge Wilder for the supreme bench, partly because of Wilder's reported activity with regard to the Honolulu postoffice appointment. It was intimated today that Pacheco will carry on the fight. A meeting of the committee is to be held tonight and it is said the anti-Wilder Democrats on it are ready to enter a protest backing up Pacheco's views.

Judge Wilder's letter of application is as follows:

March 23, 1914.

"L. E. Pinkham, Esquire,
Governor of the Territory of Hawaii.

Sir:

"I, A. A. Wilder, hereby make application for the position of Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission. I am a part Hawaiian, a little over 40 years of age. I was born in these islands and have always lived here. I am a lawyer by profession and have always been a Democrat. Any references which you may desire as to my character and ability can be furnished on request. I can say that Mr. Gignoux, one of the present members of the commission, is not opposed to me and I can assure you that, so far as least as he is concerned, we can and will work together."

"Yours respectfully,
"A. A. WILDER."
Though Governor Pinkham verbally accepted the resignation of E. A. Mott-Smith as chairman of the public utilities commission on the day it was tendered, the formal acceptance was not written and signed until today. Incidentally, Mott-Smith altered his resignation, to take effect March 27 instead of March 31. He leaves for Japan on the former date.

"I have received a number of applications for the job," said the governor today, "but haven't taken up the question of a successor seriously as yet."

Several representatives of public utility corporations called on the chief executive this morning, all urging that a competent man be selected for the place and expressing a willingness to submit their reports to the commission, but none offered a suggestion of endorsement of any particular man for the vacancy.

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